

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic business transaction assisting ~~method~~ ~~which uses a memory that stores actual delivery times of a plurality of commodities~~ method, comprising:

receiving a desired delivery ~~time~~; time as the essential criteria for selecting at least one of a plurality of commodities;

selecting at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~on the basis of the~~ based on actual delivery times of the plurality of commodities stored in ~~the a~~ a memory and the ~~input~~ received desired delivery time ~~if the~~ so that an actual delivery time of a selected at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~meets~~ must meet the received desired delivery time; and providing a result of the ~~selection made~~ selection.

2. (Currently Amended) The electronic business transaction assisting method according to claim 1, further comprising providing data for displaying information relating to the at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~which that~~ is selected.

3. (Currently Amended) The electronic business transaction assisting method according to claim 1, further comprising providing data for displaying a first set of information relating to the at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~which has been that is~~ selected, and a second set of information relating to at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~which has that is not been~~ selected, such that the first and second sets of information are distinguishable from each other.

4. (Currently Amended) The electronic business transaction assisting method according to claim 1, further comprising receiving from a user terminal a purchase order for purchasing the at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~which has been that is~~ selected.

5. (Currently Amended) The electronic business transaction assisting method according to claim 4, wherein ~~when~~ the purchase order is for purchasing more than one of the a plurality of commodities, and ~~further comprising the~~ receiving from the user terminal further comprises receiving information indicative of whether the more than one of the plurality of commodities to be purchased should be delivered at respective stored actual delivery times for each of the more than one of the plurality of commodities or at ~~one a single~~ delivery time.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~server-server~~, comprising:
a memory that stores data indicative of ~~an actual delivery time~~ times of each of a plurality of commodities; and
a controller that (1) receives data indicative of a desired delivery ~~time~~, time as the essential criteria for selecting at least one of the plurality of commodities, (2) selects at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~on the basis of the~~ based on actual delivery times of the at least one of the plurality of the commodities stored in the memory and the received desired delivery ~~time if time, wherein the actual delivery time of~~ the at least one of the plurality of commodities must meet ~~meets~~ the received desired delivery time, and (3) provides a result of the ~~at least one selection made~~ selection.

7. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 6, wherein the controller provides data for displaying information relating to the at least one of the ~~selected commodities~~ plurality of commodities that is selected.

8. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 6, wherein the controller provides data for displaying a first set of information relating to the at least one of the ~~commodities~~ plurality of commodities that is selected, and a second set of information relating to at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~which has that is not been~~ selected, such that the first and second sets of information are distinguishable from each other.

9. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 6, wherein the controller further receives from a user terminal a purchase order for purchasing the at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~which has been~~ that is selected.

10. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 9, wherein when the purchase order is for purchasing a more than one of the plurality of commodities, the controller receives from the user terminal information indicative of whether the more than one of the plurality of commodities to be purchased should be delivered at the respective stored actual delivery times for each of the more than one of the plurality of commodities or at ~~one~~ a single delivery time.

11. (Currently Amended) A server that communicates with a user terminal through a communication network, for assisting a user of the user terminal in making a decision regarding a purchase from among a plurality of commodities, the server comprising:
a memory that stores data indicative of ~~an actual delivery time~~ times of each of a plurality of ~~commodities of different kinds;~~ commodities; and

a controller that (1) receives inquiry data indicative of a desired delivery ~~time,~~
time as the essential criteria for selecting at least one of the plurality of commodities, (2) searches through the memory based on the actual delivery time of each ~~commodity of the~~
plurality of commodities stored in the memory and the received inquiry data indicative of the desired delivery time ~~for selecting to select~~ at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~if so~~
that the actual delivery time of the at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~meets must~~
meet the desired delivery time, and (3) provides a result of the search.

12. (Currently Amended) A server comprising:
a memory that stores commodity data including data indicative of actual delivery times of a plurality of commodities;
a controller that (1) receives from a user terminal inquiry data including a

desired delivery time of ~~each of~~ at least one ~~commodity of a plurality of commodities as the~~
essential criteria for selecting the at least one of the plurality of commodities, and (2) selects a
portion of a stored commodity data ~~stored in the memory based on that coincides with the~~
received inquiry data received from the user terminal that includes the desired delivery time if
~~the portion of the commodity meets the desired delivery time;~~ data; and

a transmitter that transmits to the user terminal the portion of the commodity
data ~~which has been that is~~ selected.

13. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 12, wherein the portion
of the commodity data transmitted by the transmitter includes a name of a ~~commodity which~~
~~meets the desired delivery time of each of the at least one commodity and the actual delivery~~
~~times of commodities stored in the memory.~~ commodity.

14. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 12, wherein the controller
further receives from the user a purchase order for purchasing ~~at least one of the commodities~~
~~included in a commodity specified by the portion of the commodity data, which is selected at~~
~~the user terminal.~~ data.

15. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 12, wherein the controller
further processes the commodity data regarding the portion of the commodity data that is
selected and a remaining portion of the commodity data that is not selected, such that the
portion of the commodity data ~~which has been that is~~ selected and ~~a the~~ remaining portion of
the commodity data ~~which has that is not been~~ selected are distinguishable from each other,
and ~~wherein~~ the transmitter transmits to the user terminal the processed commodity data that
~~was processed.~~ data.

16. (Currently Amended) An electronic business transaction assisting ~~system~~
system, comprising:

a memory that stores data indicative of ~~an actual delivery time~~ times of each of a plurality of commodities;

a desired-delivery inputting portion that inputs data indicative of a desired delivery ~~time~~; time as the essential criteria for selecting at least one of the plurality of commodities; and

a controller that (1) selects at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~which meets the desired delivery time on the basis of~~ so that the stored actual delivery times of the time of the selected at least one of the plurality of commodities stored in the memory and must meet the desired delivery time input by the desired-delivery inputting ~~portion if the at least one of the plurality of commodities meets the desired delivery time~~, portion, and (2) provides a result of ~~selection made by the commodity selecting portion~~ the selection.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A recording medium for ~~a~~ an electronic business transaction assisting system, the recording medium including computer-readable instructions comprising:

a first instruction to store in a memory data indicative of an actual delivery time of each of a plurality of commodities; and

a second instruction ~~to allow that allows~~ a controller to (1) receive data indicative of a desired delivery ~~time~~; time as the essential criteria for selecting at least one of the plurality of commodities, (2) select at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~on the basis of so that the stored actual delivery times~~ time of the at least one of the plurality of the commodities stored in the memory and must meet the received desired delivery time ~~if for the at least one of the plurality of commodities meets the desired delivery time~~, commodities, and (3) provide ~~provides a result of the at least one selection made~~ selection.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A recording medium for a an electronic business transaction assisting system which uses a memory that stores actual delivery times of a plurality of ~~commodities~~ commodities, comprising:

a first instruction ~~to allow~~ that allows a controller to (1) receive data indicative of a desired delivery ~~time~~, time as the essential criteria for selecting at least one of the plurality of commodities, (2) select at least one of the plurality of commodities ~~on the basis of so that the stored actual delivery times~~ time of the at least one of the plurality of the commodities stored in the memory and must meet the received desired delivery ~~time if the at least one of the plurality of commodities meets the desired delivery time and~~ time; and

a second instruction ~~to allow~~ that allows the controller to provide a result of the ~~at least one selection made~~ selection.